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1. WE DOUBT THAT REFUSAL OF FAA TRAINING WOULD BE MORE THAN PINPRICK TO LIBYANS. IF IT PENETRATED TO DECISION MAKING LEVELS IT LIKELY TO IRRITATE RATHER THAN MOTIVATE AND, IF IT LINKED TO THOMAS CASE, WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NEGATIVE INFLUENCE, QADHAFI UNLIKELY TO BE INTERESTED IN SERIOUS EFFORTS OF DGCA TO IMPROVE AIR TRAFFIC SAFETY. WE AND PARTICULARLY FAA DO HAVE SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN LIBYAN PROGRAM AS PART OF WORLDWIDE AVIATION SAFETY PROGRAMS.

2. FOR ABOVE REASONS AND BECAUSE OF ANOTHER INITIATIVE ON THOMAS CASE BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY, PROPOSE THAT WE GO AHEAD WITH FAA TRAINING PROGRAM.

3. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN TRAINING PROGRAM, REQUEST FAA PROVIDE SOONEST PROGRAM DETAILS, ESPECIALLY COSTS AND TOTAL DURATION OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF TRAINING.

24 MAY AND EVEN 21 JUNE DATES WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR DGCA TO MAKE, GIVEN FORMIDABLE BUREAUCRATIC PROCESSES, MOST OF WHICH OUT OF HIS PERSONAL CONTROL. HE NEEDS PROGRAM DATES AND COSTS TO EVEN START PROCESSING. WE HAD TOLD HIM TRAINING WOULD
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AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO MAKE SCHEDULE.
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